



At Home Devotion Guide

We encourage everyone to use this guide in your home this week, and to adapt it to your specific household situation. This guide can be used in one sitting or can be broken up and used throughout the week.

Scripture Reflection

Read passage: John 10:1-18

For young children: Jesus is the good shepherd who died for us. Jesus knows His people by name, provides for them, and protects them. Every father should strive to be like Jesus.

For older children and adults: Jesus is the good shepherd, and we are His sheep. Our Lord laid down His life for us by enduring the ultimate sacrifice on the cross. He also is the only way that people can come to know the Father. If you have truly trusted in Jesus you can rest assured that He knows you by name, He provides for you, and He protects you. Jesus is the ultimate example for those called to be Fathers.

Question: How have you seen the character of Jesus in the godly men in your life?

Pray: Pray for some of the fathers that you know. Thank God for those who have been a Godly example.

Weekly Catechism Questions

For Children: What does it mean to repent? *To be sorry for sin, and to hate and forsake sin because it is displeasing to God.* (Luke 19:8-10, Romans 6:1-2; 2 Corinthians 7:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10).

For older children and Adults: How can we be saved? *Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.* (The New City Catechism: Q29, http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New_City_Catechism.pdf)

Suggested Hymn: #46, *This Is My Father's World*

How to Use This Guide

At Bethany, we recognize that worship is not just something that happens on Sunday morning. Though corporate worship is important, it is also important that we are striving to worship God in our homes on a regular basis. According to Donald Whitney, "God deserves to be worshiped daily in our homes by our families." This guide will help you to lead worship in your home.

Scripture- Begin by reading the passage from the sermon. Based on the ages of those involved, briefly discuss the meaning of the passage and how it applies to your lives.

Catechism- This is a great way to learn what the whole Bible teaches about a particular topic. Read the question, then read the answer. If possible, try to put the answer in your own words.

Prayer- Pray that God would help you obey and understand the truth that you just discussed.

Sing- If someone is able to lead in song, then take some time to sing to the Lord. The guide will provide a suggested hymn from *The Baptist Hymnal, 2008*.

Feel free to adapt this guide to your particular household situation. This is not meant to be a heavy burden. It is an aid in helping members of your household to grow in Christ.

Families with young children- Don't feel like your devotions have to be long and tedious. Start with short amounts of time, then get longer as the children get older.

Families with older children- Also, don't feel like your devotions have to be long and tedious. Avoid 'preaching' to your family. Instead, let the word of God speak for itself.

Couples without children- This guide is for you as well! Household devotions will help you go deeper in your study of God's word and grow together in Christ.

Singles who live alone- Utilize this guide as part of your regular devotion time.

Begin today! This discipline will help you and other members of your household grow in their walk with Christ. It will also aid you in passing on the faith to the next generation.